Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Welcome everyone to the start of another very exciting year at Northview State School. We extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and families, and a big welcome back to all existing students and parents. Our prep students made an excellent start to their schooling life yesterday with most settling very quickly and beginning the process of learning new routines and expectations. Despite the very hot conditions, it was a great start to 2013 and both parents and students need to be congratulated for getting to school it such a timely fashion with all books and equipment ready to go. This certainly makes for a positive start to the school year.

It is very obvious that Northview students and parents are very proud of their school as evidenced by the number of students in full school uniform yesterday. Wearing a uniform not only makes students visible for safety reasons, it also gives a sense of pride and belonging which are some of the critical ingredients for a great school. Well done everyone!

Staffing

Welcome back to all Northview staff. Most staff officially started back last Wednesday working through our student free day program and preparing classrooms. Walking through classrooms yesterday it is also evident that a number of staff have spent many days up at school over the holidays preparing and even painting rooms!

We welcome a number of new staff to Northview this year:

- Bree Olsen (Year 5/6N)
- Melody Williamson (Year 4/5N)
- Katrina Mutch (SEP teacher)
- Allison Jensen (SEP teacher)
- Jeanette Archer (Admin officer in SEP)
- Sharon Collette (Temporary Cleaner)

I know everyone will make these people feel welcome at Northview.

Mr Clarendon

Mr Clarendon will be absent from school for the next few days as his mother passed away last night. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Mr Clarendon and his family during this difficult time. A relief teacher will take Mr Clarendon’s year 6 class during his absence.

School Enrolment total - Day 8 Count

As of yesterday, we have just enough enrolments to keep our current staffing allocation of 13 classroom teachers. We are certainly in need of some late enrolments to ensure we maintain this number. If you are aware of any new families arriving to Mackay or changing schools please recommend Northview SS. Next Thursday all school enrolments across the state must be submitted to finalise staffing allocations for 2013. We’ll be doing our best to ensure we don’t lose any of our allocation. If you could help us out by recommending Northview, it would be greatly appreciated.

Whatever happens next Thursday, we will need to make adjustments to some classes to ensure class sizes remain manageable, and allow our school room to accept new enrolments in certain year levels.

Arrival at School

Parents are reminded that students who arrive at school before 8.25am should wait in the undercover area until the first bell rings. This is to ensure that students are adequately supervised. Teachers will open up classrooms at 8.30am to give students an opportunity to prepare for the day – sharpen pencils, hand in notes, toilet, drink of water etc. There should be no students or parents in classrooms before 8.30am. If you could reinforce this message with your children it would be greatly appreciated.

School Car Parks

The safety of our Northview students is absolutely paramount and remains a top priority of all staff. We want every child to return home of an afternoon in the same condition that they arrived. With this in mind, we ask parents not to park, drop off students, or collect students from our school car parks. The bottom carpark near the hall is used for staff, who generally arrive before 8.15am, and for deliveries which occur periodically throughout the day. Students will often be walking to and from the hall or waiting for buses near this area, so we ask for the safety of all students that parents refrain from using this car park without prior permission.

Likewise, the top car park near the SEU is used as a staff car park and for SEU students who need extra assistance to get into their car. We ask parents to please refrain from parking in both these car parks. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Bus Students

Parents please keep our staff informed if your children catch the bus of an afternoon, but not on a regular basis. Our supervising staff are given a student checklist to account for all children departing each day. If arrangements change please inform the school as well as the bus service PCYC / Glenella Childcare if applicable.

Parent News Updates

Regular newsletters will be sent home with students on a Wednesday. This alternates between a regular newsletter and a brief mini news edition. All newsletters are then posted to the school website for parents to access. Newsletters can be emailed on request.

Paul Manttan
Principal
P & C NEWS

It's time to begin a new year again. Welcome back to all our old friends – it's great to see you again. And a warm welcome to all the new families who join us this year. 2012 was a great year, let's hope 2013 is too. A big change for us this year is the arrival of new Principal, Mr Manttan, to whom I take this opportunity to welcome, on behalf of everyone from the school. We hope you enjoy being part of our family.

Tuckshop

Our Tuckshop reopens Friday the 1st February. During the holidays the menu was revised. It looks very different this year, we also changed some items and increased a few prices. Please note there has not been any price increases since 2011 and these increases are not more than .50c. A copy of the menu is attached for your convenience. It will also be available from the school website – www.northviess.eq.edu.au. Any feedback on this menu can be directed to the next P&C General Meeting, see notice below. If unable to attend, please email your feedback to pandc@northviess.eq.edu.au. All feedback, supportive or constructive, is welcome.

Mel Gibbs, our Tuckshop Convenor, has advised existing volunteers of their roster for Term 1. Anyone interested in joining our fun and fabulous crew should call Mel on 0437 083 324.

Next General Meeting:
Monday 11th February, 9.30am (after parade) in the hall conference room. Every one welcome.

Agenda:
- Welcome
- Officer Reports
- Update Fridge Maintenance
- Feedback on Book List Service – Cross Office Choice
- Feedback on new Tuckshop Menu
- Tuckshop Working Group
- Up coming events - Welcome Morning Tea
- Term Planner 2013

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Monday 25th February, 9.30am (after parade) in hall conference room. A quorum of 10 members in attendance is required. Morning Tea will be provided.

Agenda:
- Presidents Report 2012
- Auditors Report 2012
- Election of office bearers – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Annual items of general business
  - Appointment of Volunteer Convenors of Tuckshop and 2nd Hand Uniform Shop.
  - Review P&C Strategic Plan, including Tuckshop Business Plan and Fridge Maintenance Policy
- Constitution changes, if any (consider quorum numbers?)
- Adoption of School’s Annual Implementation Plan and Budget for 2013.